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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

IN RE: TRIAL SESSIONS FOR )  
OMAHA, LINCOLN AND ) **STANDING ORDER**  
NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA ) NO. 2003-09  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2004 )  
)

After consultation with the judges,

IT IS ORDERED that:

*For Omaha and Lincoln Only*

1. For Omaha and Lincoln, during calendar year 2004, the judges of this court will hold combined jury and non-jury sessions each month.

*For North Platte Only*

2. During calendar year 2004, combined jury and non-jury sessions will be held in the following months and tried by the following judges in North Platte, to wit: (a) February, 2004, Judge Kopf; (b) May, 2004, Judge Bataillon; (c) August, 2004, Judge Smith Camp; and (d) October, 2004, Judge Strom.
3. For North Platte, magistrate judges are available to try civil jury and non-jury cases by consent during the foregoing months if agreeable with the district judge assigned to that particular month. Questions about consents should be addressed (a) to the magistrate judge who is assigned the case if the question arises prior to the pretrial conference or (b) to the magistrate judge who is handling the pretrial conference if the question arises at or after the pretrial conference.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>Note that the magistrate judge who handles the pretrial conference may be different from the magistrate judge who is generally assigned to that case.

4. Unlike the past, for North Platte, jurors will be summoned for four weeks rather than six weeks unless otherwise expressly approved by the Chief Judge.
5. Unlike the past, no special settings of cases in months other than February, May, August or October shall be made without the express approval of the Chief Judge.
5. The following magistrate judges will be responsible for handling North Platte pretrial conferences during 2004, to wit: (a) Judge Thalken will hold pretrial conferences in January for the February session; (b) Judge Piester will hold pretrial conferences in April for the May session; (c) Judge Gossett will hold pretrial conferences in July for the August session; and (d) Judge Thalken will hold pretrial conferences in September for the October session.

Dated this 4<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2003.

BY THE COURT



Richard G. Kopf  
Chief Judge